



February 14, 2001

Mr. Bion M. Gregory
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Dear Mr. Gregory:

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) makes this report in accordance with Government Code Section 11370.5. That provision directs the OAH, "to study the subject of administrative adjudication in all its aspects; to submit its suggestions to the various agencies in the interests of fairness, uniformity and the expedition of business; and to report its recommendations to the Governor and Legislature at the commencement of each general session." The last report by the Office was made in 1991.

A new Director for the OAH was recently appointed and took office on January 1, 2001. After an initial review of the OAH, the Director has no recommendations to report at this time. However, over the coming months, the Director will commence a study of all operations of the OAH and will forward to you any recommendations to further the efficiency of the Office identified through that study.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to Melissa Meith, Director, Office of Administrative Hearings at (916) 445-4926.

Very truly yours,

Barry D. Keene, Director
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